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**Subject:** RE: Private Well Sample Analysis

At the moment we do not have any requests for support from the EPA. We are still gathering information and will reach out if when we know what is needed.

-Jeff

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See Ronnie's contact info below.

I believe Ronnie covered the first period and Greg replaced him.

James

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All,

The EPA is asking for some DSHS guidance on services the EPA could provide to Texas. Do we have any suggestions for the EPA and how they can assist with well water testing.

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**From:** Crossland, Ronnie <[Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov](mailto:Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov)>

**Sent:** Saturday, September 9, 2017 5:01 PM

**To:** Department of State Health Services

**Subject:** FW: Private Well Sample Analysis

James Kelley,

Thank you for the conversation today on the need to possibly provide analyses for private well owners impacted by flooding from Hurricane Harvey. I had previously asked about the need to provide bacterial analysis for well owners impacted by flooding as a service to ensure their disinfectant actions were effective and to protect public health. You mentioned that the locals appear to have this under control because you were not hearing any complaints surrounding this issue from your local network. You mentioned that you are reaching out to verify that this is the case but to date have not heard anything. EPA stands ready to assist DSHS if necessary.

One question I raised today was whether or not DSHS would have any issues if EPA would provide coliform analysis for well owners outside of a mission assignment request from the State of Texas. The concept of our operations would be to select 10 plus sites in areas of high well concentrations throughout the impacted area. EPA would issue a public service announcement that sampling packages (containing a sample jar and instructions) would be available on a certain day and that our mobile lab would be in the area another day where the samples can be delivered. These samples would then be sent to our regional lab in Houston for analysis. EPA would then share the results with the well owner. This process would continue at each location. You asked that I send this question and description to you via email for consideration.

The second question involves the distribution of information. EPA has individuals in the field to distribute information about hazards associated with a flood impacted area.

EPA is interested to know if you have information you would like us to include in our package that provides numbers or locations for individuals to call or go to if they would like to have their wells tested. You also asked me to send this question via email for consideration.

Thank you for consideration of these questions and let me know if you need anything else. I look forward to your response.

Thanks,

Ronnie Crossland

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